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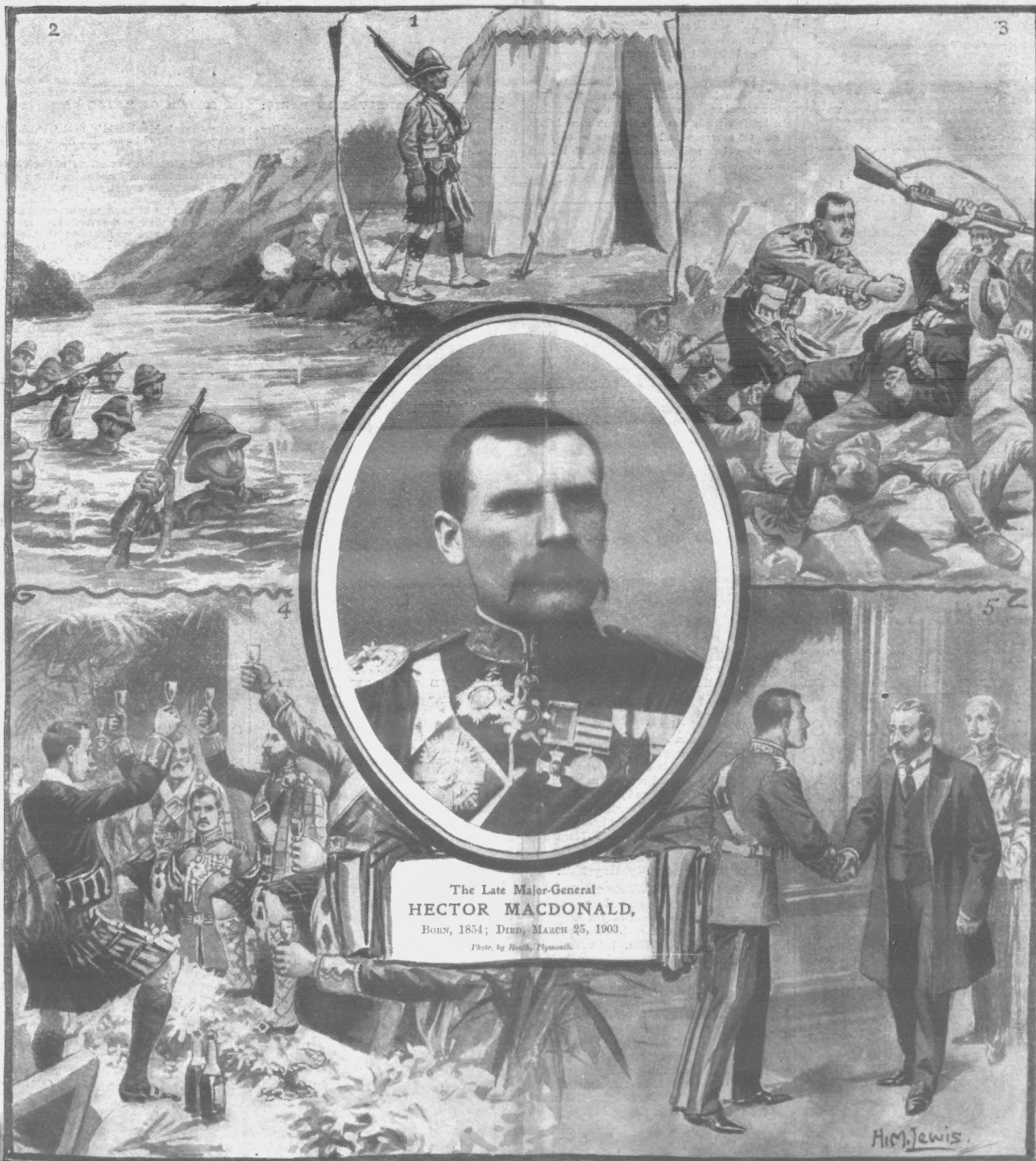
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OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT-RACE.

(See Inside.)



The Late Major-General
HECTOR MACDONALD,
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1. Doing "Sentry-go" outside the Prince of Wales' Tent in India.
 2. Leading a Party across a River in Afghanistan.

3. At Majuba: Using his Fists in true British Fashion after losing his Sword.
 4. Receiving a Sword of Honour from the United Highland Societies in 1899.

5. Receiving the Congratulations of King Edward.

THE LATE GENERAL MACDONALD: INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF "FIGHTING MAC."

(See "Talk of London.")

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Llandudno Tragedy: Sequel.—A body which was washed ashore at Morecambe last week has been identified as that of Mrs. Ellen Roberts, who threw herself and her two children from the Great Orme's Head at Llandudno on March 3. The body was carried more than one hundred miles from the scene of the tragedy, passing the mouth of the Mersey, Southport, Blackpool, and across Morecambe Bay in its passage to the Furness coast.

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TALK OF LONDON

General Hector Macdonald.

PERSONALLY, I remember very few things that came with such tragic suddenness as the news of poor Macdonald's end. Overnight, when the account reached London, people who knew the dead General refused to believe that he really had met death by his own hand, and it was only when the sober morning papers repeated the news that the terrible truth was forced upon incredulous ears. Of course we all know it to be only too true now, but really at first I found it hard to convince myself that a revolver bullet had



THE GREAT CARNIVAL IN PARIS: THE MARCH OF "KING CARNIVAL."

swimming across a river, fired at all the way, afterwards captured a hill and defeated a body of Afghans—just about forty times as strong. Sir Frederick Roberts himself witnessed the performance.

and returned Macdonald's sword, which had been presented to him by his fellow-officers, and which had been lost in the fight.

In Lord Kitchener's overthrow of the Khalifa's forces at Omdurman, Macdonald, then a Major, bore a conspicuous part. About 10,000 of the Khalifa's men advanced to attack Macdonald's troops in front, while suddenly an equal number tried to get at them in the rear. It seemed as if the whole of the Black Brigade was about to be wiped out of existence. Macdonald was ordered to retire, but, like Nelson at Copenhagen, he

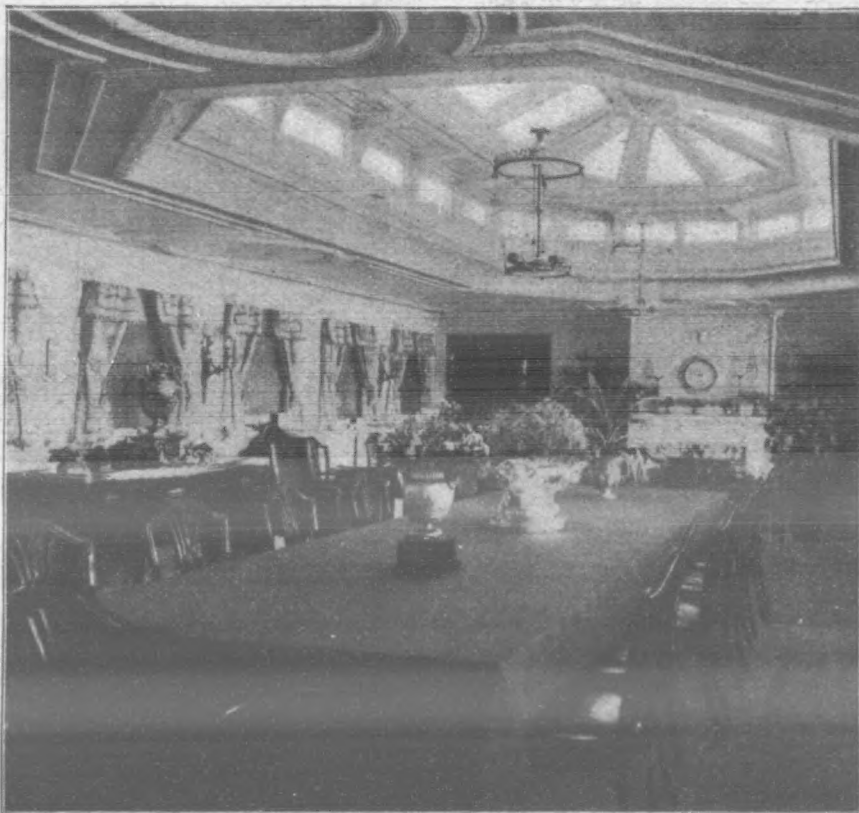


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THE KING'S CRUISE: DINING-ROOM ON BOARD THE ROYAL YACHT "VICTORIA AND ALBERT."

stilled for ever the brave heart of "Fighting Mac." "People don't do such things," remarks one of Ibsen's characters when he hears the pistol-shot that heralds the suicide of—Hedda Gabler, I think. So said some of us when first came the dreadful news from Paris. "Macdonald is not the type to do that," we argued—the wish being parent to the thought; but by-and-by our preconceived ideas were shattered. Macdonald was really dead!

Some Stories of "Fighting Mac."

Well, the least we can all say now is, "God rest his soul." The rumours which the tongue of slander turned to poison only a few hours before his death cannot harm him now. He lies beyond all mortal jurisdiction. Let us remember the long years of gallantry, the brave deeds by which he did so much for his country and lifted himself from the position of private soldier to the rank of Major-General.

There was scarcely a figure in the British Army which appealed so forcibly to the public as that of the grim Highlander who by sheer force of character rose to so high a position, who had the respect of his equals and the devotion of his men. "Corporal Macdonald, we have no fault to find with you," said his Colonel in the 92nd Highlanders in the year 1873; "I am going to make you a sergeant. Remember, a sergeant in the 92nd Highlanders is equal to a Member of Parliament, and don't forget it and your many responsibilities." It was in the Afghan War (1879-80) that Sergeant Macdonald won his commission. In one of the engagements, Macdonald, then a colour-sergeant, took thirty Gordon Highlanders, and, wading and

Lieutenant Macdonald fought with remarkable bravery at Majuba Hill. He fought until disarmed, and then fought with his fists. Joubert was so struck with his audacity that he recovered



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LIEUT. GRANT, OF THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS,

WHO LAST SATURDAY WAS MARRIED TO LADY SYDIE PRIMROSE, ELDER DAUGHTER OF LORD ROSEBURY.

scorned to recognise the order. "Retire!" he burst out. "I'll see them—first! We maun fecht!" He fought on and won, and earned his name of "Fighting Mac."

When Macdonald returned home after Omdurman he went to see the Prince of Wales, now King. The Prince asked Macdonald how it was that they had not met before. "Pardon me, Sir, I think we have," was the reply. "Where can that have been?"



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QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S BOUDOIR ON THE ROYAL YACHT.

THE INTER-UNIVERSITY BOAT-RACE: THE RIVAL CREWS.—SEE THIS WEEK'S "SKETCH."

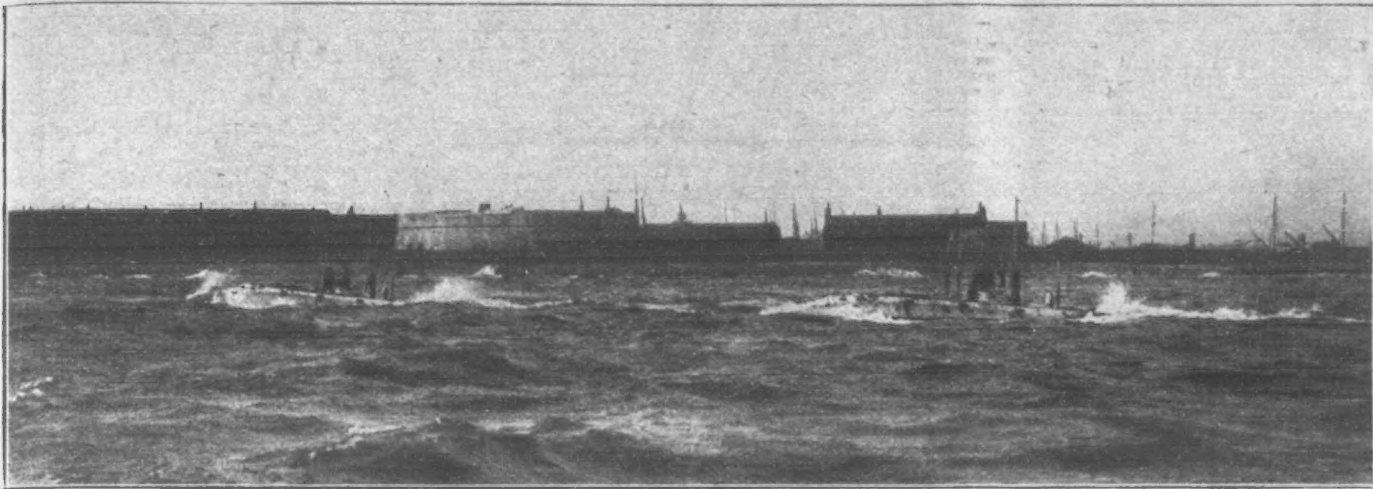


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SUBMARINES IN ROUGH WEATHER: THE MANŒUVRES AS WITNESSED BY THE LORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY LAST WEEK, FROM ABOARD THE "HAZARD."

asked the Prince, surprised. "When you were in India, Sir, I did sentry-go outside your tent." "But why was a sentry needed outside my tent?" The answer caused His Royal Highness considerable amusement, and he held out his hand and said—"General Macdonald, you were

longer than the times mentioned. To under-rate the joys of even so fleeting a glimpse of the splendid struggle would be to deny what is beyond all doubt one of the most genuine sporting events in the whole world, and I am not going to do that. I have only raised the question because

shared by Sir Thomas Lipton, and it is pleasing, from a British point of view, to know that experts are hopeful this year will see the America Cup triumphantly carried back to home waters. *Shamrock III.* differs in two material points from her predecessors. The form of *Shamrock I.* was the result of years of thought and experience, while that of *Shamrock II.* was the result of numerous experiments made with models in a tank especially fitted to determine the comparative resistance of moving bodies of similar type through water. These experiments went so far that eleven models, with sixty-four alterations, were made to arrive at the best form to drive through and over the water. *Shamrock III.* is the outcome of all these elaborate investigations, and the well-wishers of Sir Thomas may be said to be quite justified in being sanguine. *Shamrock III.* is exceedingly lean under water, and, being longer than the old boat, it follows that she will glide through and over the waves much more easily, though it is not unlikely that her flat floor and wide beam will make her appear to disturb the water—to splash it more—than *Columbia* did.

A Famous Old Hostelry.

Much disapproval has been expressed at the refusal of the Dorking magistrates to renew the license of the old King's Head Inn, which is generally believed to have suggested to Dickens one of the most famous of Pickwickian inns—namely, the Marquis of Granby. There is no Marquis of Granby in Dorking, and Dickens is supposed to have borrowed the sign from Chatham and fitted it for the purposes of his story to the King's Head. The belief is strengthened by the fact that an article published in *All the Year Round* during Dickens's editorship of that journal stated as a fact that the King's Head was the original of the Marquis of Granby, kept by that shrewish lady, Susan, wife of Tony Weller. It was here that she entertained Mr. Stiggins; it was here that, after her decease, Mr. Stiggins was ducked by her widower.

THE GOSSIP.

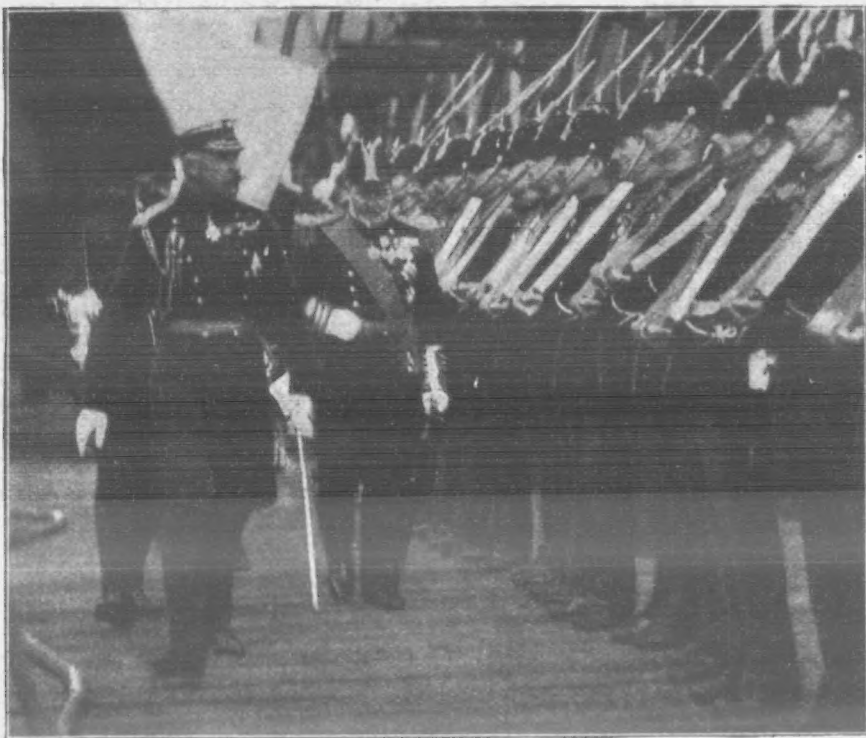


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RETURN OF THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT: INSPECTING THE GUARD-OF-HONOUR.

doing sentry-go in 1875, and now you are a General in the British Army. I am proud to have met you."

On the front page, the P.I.P. Special Artist has illustrated some of the most notable incidents in the late General's life.

The Boat-Race as a Spectacle.

Another Boat-Race has come and gone. Once more have eight young giants from Cambridge sought to eclipse the strength and skill of eight young giants from Oxford. The 'Varsity Boat-Race has ever been the means of drawing a huge crowd of sightseers, and Wednesday last was no exception to the rule. People from all parts flocked in their thousands, and crowded boats, house-roofs, and river-banks for the whole length of the four-mile course. And their reward was what? A sight of the two long, lithe, graceful craft being propelled through the water for the space of two minutes, one minute, or perhaps only a few seconds. For apart from the fortunate few who follow the boats on the launches, no spectator has a view of the race for

I want to make a suggestion. Why should not the thousands of sightseers be treated to something additional—something that would help to fill in the day which they have set apart for seeing the Boat-Race? To come miles, to pay a good round sum, perhaps, for a favourable position, and then to return home after a transitory sight of the two boats, is surely no fitting return for such aquatic enthusiasm. Why not arrange other races for the same day? Perhaps one of the big rowing clubs—London or Thames—might consider the idea.

"Shamrock III."

The optimism of the designers of *Shamrock III.* is



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THE JAGUAR BROUGHT FROM INDIA BY THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

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THE WEEK'S NEWS.

ROYAL Holiday-Makers.—For the first time during the present reign the King and Queen are both absent from England at the same time, albeit their Majesties have sought different destinations wherein to spend their Easter holidays. On Monday afternoon the King embarked on the Royal yacht at Portsmouth en route for Lisbon on a visit to King Carlos of Portugal. April 2 is the prospective date of His Majesty's arrival in the Portuguese capital, where a grand reception is to be accorded him at the hands of King Carlos and the principal members of his Court. Many public functions illustrative of the friendly relations existing between the two monarchs have been arranged, including a grand State performance of "Otello" at the Opera House. On April 7, according to present plans, King Edward re-embarks at Lisbon for Gibraltar and the Western Mediterranean. Monday last also witnessed the departure of Queen Alexandra, who travelled via Dover and Calais en route for Denmark, where Her Majesty is to spend the Easter vacation with her aged father, the King of Denmark, and the members of his family. The Prince and Princess of Wales, who remain in England, are expected to run down to Sandringham with their children for the holiday season. It is officially announced that the King and Queen will visit Scotland early in May.

Mr. Chamberlain.—A French newspaper having published a statement that the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., would shortly accept the honour of a peerage, the editor of a Birmingham paper telegraphed to ask if he might confirm or deny the assertion. In reply the Colonial Secretary telegraphed back, "No truth in silly rumour referred to."—CHAMBERLAIN.

Marriage of Lord Rosebery's Daughter.—Lady Sybil Primrose, Lord Rosebery's elder daughter, was married last Saturday morning to Mr. Charles Grant, of the Coldstream Guards, son of General Sir Robert Grant, G.C.B., late Inspector-General of Fortifications. The wedding, which was intended to be a very quiet affair, took place at Christ Church, Epsom, only near relatives of



Photo. Russell.

ADMIRAL STEPHENSON,

WHO SUCCEEDS TO THE NAVAL COMMAND AT PORTSMOUTH.

the Rosebery and Grant families being invited. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white satin gown covered with some wonderful lace which belonged to the late Countess of Rosebery, and was attended by eight maids-of-honour dressed in quaint Empire dresses and Lord Rosebery's colours, primrose and rose. After the ceremony the wedding party drove back to The Durdans, and later in the day Mr. and Lady Sybil Grant left for Titchford, Shropshire, where the honeymoon is being spent.

Irish Land Bill.—The House of Commons was unusually crowded last week, when Mr. Wyndham introduced his long-promised Bill for the purchase of land in Ireland. In brief, the main provisions of the measure are the proposed grant of £12,000,000 by the Imperial Government to facilitate the purchase of about 400,000 holdings by tenants, the sum named being approximately the difference between the prices at which the present landlords are willing to sell and the tenants to buy. The British Government is asked further to pledge its credit to the extent of £100,000,000 to finance the transactions and make the necessary advances to holders, who will repay the loans by instalments extending over 68 years, after which the farms and holdings will become their own property, except for

a perpetual rent charge of 2½ per cent. By a most ingenious system of finance, the charge to the British taxpayer for this gigantic scheme will be only about £150,000 annually—that is, if the estimated saving in the cost of administration (£250,000), consequent upon the greater peace and prosperity of the country, should be realised. The measure, if passed, is to come into operation on Nov. 1 next.

Chertsey Election Result.—Polling in the Chertsey Division of Surrey, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Leigh-Bennett, the late Unionist member, took place last week, the result being the election of Mr. J. A. Fyler (Unionist) by a majority of 1171 votes over those given to his opponent, Mr. H. H. Longman (Radical).

Germany and America.—The Emperor William has invited the American battle-ship fleet to visit Kiel in May next, according to a despatch from New York, which adds that the message was conveyed in a personal cablegram to President Roosevelt. It is considered likely, however, that the invitation will be declined, and this view is supported by some recent utterances of Admiral Dewey, of the United States Navy, who remarked that the American naval manoeuvres in Caribbean waters were an object-lesson to the German Emperor, there having been fifty-four vessels present, including colliers, a force which no German fleet crossing the Atlantic could hope to contend with. The gallant Admiral further said he had made a deep study of the German Navy and believed its efficiency in possible action was greatly over-estimated. The German Press expresses indignation at the Admiral's reported utterances.

Riots in Russia.—A despatch from St. Petersburg describes a great strike riot, accompanied by much bloodshed, which occurred at Slatonst, in the province of Ufa in the Urals. Five hundred workmen in the State ironworks came out on strike demanding the release of three of their comrades who had been arrested. The Governor was mobbed as he was entering the house of the works manager, and the rioters stormed the house, smashing the doors and windows, the assistant mayor being wounded by a revolver-shot. The gendarmes and troops then fired on the mob, of whom twenty-eight were killed and fifty wounded.

The Moat Farm Mystery.—Although the police have been employed assiduously during the week in digging up the grounds surrounding the house known as the Moat Farm, near Saffron Walden, in Essex, no clue has thereby been obtained which in any way throws light upon the fate of Miss Camille Holland, the wealthy and well-connected lady whose mysterious disappearance forms one of the most remarkable episodes in the history of recent criminal investigation. Meantime Mr. Herbert Samuel Dougal, late tenant of the farm, with whom Miss Holland lived for some time in 1899, has been before the local magistrates charged with forging and uttering a cheque purporting to bear Miss Holland's signature, and dated Aug. 28, 1902. Mr. Pearce, who prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury, unfolded the story of the relations existing between the missing lady and the accused man. The prisoner, he said, was a married man, and some time in 1898 he made the acquaintance of Miss Holland, who at the time was possessed of stocks and shares to the value of about £6000. In 1898 Miss Holland and Dougal took a furnished house at Hassocks, Brighton, the rent being paid by cheque drawn by the lady. In January 1899 the couple went to reside in rooms at Saffron Walden, and while there negotiations were opened for the purchase of the Moat Farm, for which Miss Holland paid £1550, the title-deeds being subsequently transferred to Dougal. The pair lived at the farm as man and wife from April 27 to May 20, 1899, when Miss Holland left and did not return. Undoubtedly, counsel continued, the lady left the farm under circumstances which pointed to her speedy return, but so far as could be ascertained, she had never been there again. Inquiries were instituted, and a police officer who interviewed Dougal was told by him that he had not seen Miss Holland since May 1899, when he left her at Stanstead Station. The accused man further informed the officer that he knew nothing of Miss Holland's financial affairs, and that he had with his own money purchased the farm. These statements, said Mr. Pearce, he should prove to be absolutely false, inasmuch as shortly after the lady's disappearance an item of £670 was placed to the prisoner's credit from Miss Holland's account, and, in fact, the greater part of the lady's fortune had subsequently found its way to the prisoner's credit. A nephew of Miss Holland then gave evidence. He said his aunt was a good woman of business and very careful of her money. He pronounced the signature on the cheque, upon which the charge is founded, to be a forgery, and said he was well acquainted with the lady's signature. In cross-examination, Mr. Holland said it was he who had assumed the responsibility of charging Dougal with forgery. Further evidence as to the dispatch of letters and packets from the local post-office addressed to Miss Holland to the Moat Farm long after the lady had presumably left having been given, the further hearing of the case was adjourned for a week.

Sir Hector Macdonald's Death.—Not for many years has so intense a feeling of personal grief stirred the country, and indeed the whole civilised world, as when early last week the news was cabled from France that Sir Hector Macdonald—"Fighting Mac," the hero of a hundred fights and the beau idéal of a gallant soldier—had committed suicide in a Parisian hotel. The circumstances surrounding



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ABOARD THE ROYAL YACHT: STRIKING THE SILVER BELL.

the tragic end of the man who, by sheer force of character, indomitable bravery, and remarkable sagacity, rose from the ranks to be a Major-General in the British Army, with an almost unequalled record for distinguished service, are inexpressibly sad. A few weeks ago news was received in this country that Sir Hector had temporarily resigned his command of the forces in Ceylon and was coming home—for what purpose was not stated. Since the lamentable tragedy of last week it has transpired that certain charges of a grave nature had been preferred against General Macdonald, and that his visit to England was made with the object of consulting his official chiefs as to the War Office. The result of that consultation was, it has been stated, that Lord Roberts intimated that the only course open to Sir Hector was an immediate return to Ceylon to stand a court-martial trial for the offences alleged. The late General consented to, and left London en route for the East before a word of the purport of his mission had been breathed abroad. Then a message from Colombo gave the first intimation that anything was wrong when a speech by Sir West Ridgeway was reported, in which the Governor of the colony announced to the assembly the real reason for the General's visit to England. On the afternoon of the day upon which that report appeared in the English papers, Sir Hector Macdonald shot himself.

The Warrior's Funeral.—After the first shock of the news had in some measure subsided, the question of interment was raised. The British Government undertook the expense of the funeral if carried out in France, but the relatives and friends of the deceased warrior determined that his remains should rest within the confines of his native land, and so the body was conveyed across the Channel and brought to London, where it was entained on

Sunday for Elinburgh, the burial taking place in the Dean Cemetery, near the Scottish Metropolis, at dawn on Monday last. Lady Macdonald, her young son, the late General's brother, and a few friends were all who gathered at the graveside when the great soldier was laid to rest, it having been the urgent wish of the immediate relatives that the obsequies should be as privately conducted as possible. Almost all of the Highland societies, the leading associations of Scotsmen in England, and innumerable sympathisers in all classes sent floral tributes to the memory of the man whose brilliant career and splendid services to his country will live in history long after the tragedy of his end shall have been blotted out from the book of remembrance.

Marquis and his Motor-Car.—At Dublin last Saturday the Marquis of Downshire was charged with having negligently mismanaged his motor-car, with the result that Elizabeth Magee, a widow aged sixty-five, was knocked down and seriously injured. Evidence was given that the car was at the time travelling at the rate of six miles an hour only, that the Marquis sounded the horn several times in warning, and that everything was done to prevent the accident. The case was, however, adjourned for a week pending reports from the hospital to which the injured woman was conveyed in the car which knocked her down.

Bruin in the Cook.—At Bow Street police-court some sensation was occasioned by the appearance in the dock of a performing bear, whose master was charged with causing an obstruction. Before the case was called upon, the assistant-jailer informed the magistrate that the animal obstinately refused to leave its master, and made attacks on everyone who endeavoured to effect a separation. Mr. Fenwick, who was highly amused, thereupon ordered that Bruin should be brought into court, and the animal quietly followed its master into the dock, sitting up and looking round the Court with a puzzled expression, until instructed to bow to the Bench, which it did with much solemnity. On promising to leave the City with his charge, the man, a Russian, was dismissed.

Reading Divorce Suit.—In the Divorce Court this week the suit of Mr. Richard Arthur Jones, mineral-water manufacturer of Reading, for a dissolution of her marriage on the grounds of his wife's alleged misconduct with Thomas Frederick Saunders, a butcher of Twyford, and Lewis Henry Cook, draper's assistant, of Reading, occupied the President and a jury for some days. When Mr. Jones married in 1890 his wife was twenty-one, and he was ten years older. One day he found a letter in his wife's purse beginning "My own sweet darling," and signed "From your lover, Tom." When taxed with the possession of this document, Mrs. Jones said that although she and "Tom" liked one another, there had been nothing wrong in their friendship. The couple were reconciled, and afterwards Mr. Jones took the Britannia Hotel for his wife, but in consequence of her conduct there, said counsel, a deed of separation was first effected, and later the present action was brought. Mrs. Jones, in the witness-box, denied that any impropriety had taken place, and a large number of witnesses were called in support of her case.

Judge and the L.C.C.—Mr. Justice Grantham, in summing-up in a case in which a journeyman painter sought to recover damages for injuries to his foot in consequence of a coal-plate in the middle of the pavement being insecure, deprecated the system of putting the shoots of coal-cellars in the centre of the footway. He happened to live in a square where by good foresight the coal-shoots were put on one side, and where it was next to impossible for pedestrians to come in contact with them. Recently, however, he had received peremptory orders from the London County Council to have the shoots placed in the centre of the footway. It was really a matter of wonder to him that there was not more litigation through accidents of the kind now before the Court. The jury returned a verdict for the painter, and assessed the damages at £120.

Blackheath Murder Mystery.—The Kent police, aided by a large staff of detectives from Scotland Yard, are looking for an unknown man, who last Saturday week, late at night, shot at a police constable, seriously wounding him, and fired with fatal effect at a lighterman named Booker, who went to the officer's assistance. The assailant ran off, dropping in his flight a hat and a revolver, which latter weapon had been purchased in Greenwich a few hours before the tragedy was enacted. Several arrests were made during the week in connection with the affair, but so far the police, after inquiry, have been obliged to confess that their efforts to capture the culprit have been ineffectual.



THE READING DIVORCE PETITION: JONES v. JONES AND COOK AND SAUNDERS.

Sketches by the "P.I.P." Special Artist at the Law Courts.

THE FOUR SEASONS AT BURNHAM BEECHES.—SEE THIS WEEK'S "SKETCH."

"P.I.P." PLAYGOER.

WHEN I first heard of the O.P. Club performance on April 8 I doubted if it would be possible for Miss Nellie Farren to appear on the stage, and I now learn that Miss Farren will undertake nothing in the way of acting, but merely be the welcome guest of the club. Yet so great is the anxiety to see the delightful burlesque actress that there is quite a rush for tickets.

Sir Henry Irving could not appear at the meeting of the Actors' Association owing to indisposition, and Mr. Tree took his place. I am sorry the society is in difficulties, and in a great measure through the neglect of the members in paying their moderate subscriptions. As a consequence they will have to pay fifteen shillings instead of ten shillings to secure the advantages of the society.

Mr. Tree has secured the Japanese play, "The Darling of the Gods," but I question if he can

the Savoy. Should this come to pass, the clever company now performing in "A Princess of Kensington" will be sent on tour. Perhaps this is the reason why a travesty of the bed-room scene in "The Worst Woman in London" has been introduced in the second act of the opera. The scene would be hailed with rapture by provincial audiences.

"Sun Toy" will shortly be seen in Paris, slightly altered from its former shape as played at Daly's, but with the pretty music in its entirety, to show the Parisians that they have not the sole patents for modern comic operas.

Expect "The School Girl" on May 2 at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, with Miss Edna May in the chief character. This charming lady met with a carriage accident at Bexhill last Thursday, but, I am glad to say, is rapidly recovering.

A new version of "Sapho" has been made by Mr. Bernard Espinasse. It will be produced



MISS NINA BOUCICAULT, AS BESSIE BROKE IN "THE LIGHT THAT FAILED," AT THE LYRIC THEATRE.

produce it before the autumn, he has so many novelties on hand. The Hon. Claude Lowther's play is ready to follow "Resurrection." Then Mr. Tree has promised a splendid revival of Shakspeare's "Richard II.," and has other things in hand to employ his time fully, so that "The Darling of the Gods" must inevitably wait.

Miss Ellen Terry, as I ventured to predict last week, will play some of her favourite characters in addition to Ibsen's drama. "Much Ado About Nothing" will follow Ibsen. I am glad of this, for nobody can play Beatrice like Miss Terry.

Two new plays demand brief comments. "The Altar of Friendship" has a rather pleasing vein of sentiment. The other play, "The Londoners," has been spoiled in adapting the novel for the stage. Some scenes are amusing and well acted, but the piece as a whole is faulty, and scarcely hangs together. I am sorry better use was not made of good materials. "Go as you please" may do very well in an irresponsible novel, but it is a risky system on the stage, and more often than not annoys the audience.

I hear that it is likely the London County Council will insist upon important alterations at

at the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, on Easter Monday, and will be seen in London next July.

Everyone interested in the drama, and especially in Stratford-on-Avon, is protesting against a modern free library being erected in the quaint old street where the birthplace of the great poet stands. The spot is within twenty-five yards of Shakspeare's birthplace, and not only is it proposed to modernise the buildings, but also to purchase and pull down some of the old houses, thus destroying for ever the ancient aspect of Henley Street.

"The Bones of Men" is a gruesome title for an Easter play. It is due at the Surrey Theatre on April 6, and is an adaptation of a novel with the same title by Mr. Potter, formerly box-office keeper at the Haymarket Theatre. The scene is laid in China.

The Royal Opera, Covent Garden, commences operations on Monday, April 27, a fortnight earlier than usual. This is in consequence of the Wagnerian Cycle of the "Nibelungen Ring." The other items will include the usual list of popular operas, and the season will be followed



MISS CAMILLE HOLLAND,
THE MISSING LADY OF THE MOAT FARM.

by a short campaign supported by the Moody-Manners Company.

Miss Louie Fréar has happily nearly recovered from her recent illness, and will shortly resume her character in "A Chinese Honeymoon," which, having had a run of six hundred nights, starts gaily on its new career. Miss Fréar was chiefly responsible for its prolonged success, and her return will be most welcome.

On Sunday the "Discomforts of Playgoing" were discussed at the Criterion Restaurant by Mr. Carl Hentschel, who advocates the numbering of pit and gallery seats.

"Twelfth Night," after the manner of its original production, and with Elizabethan music, is announced for April 23 by the Elizabethan Stage Society.

Mr. Arthur Roberts and his company appeared at the Alexandra Theatre this week in his eccentric piece, "Bill Adams."

Mr. Purcell is pushing on with his new theatre, the Marlborough, which is to be opened in September. In a few days he hopes to have the roof on.

In the April number of the *Nineteenth Century*, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones contributes an article entitled "Literary Critics and the Drama." I need hardly say that the dramatist's opinions differ from those of Mr. Walkley, but those who agree with Mr. Jones and those who do not can read his article with pleasure and perhaps with profit.

A literary man in Paris, M. Gustave Salavy, attempted to blow out his brains in the crush-room of the Théâtre Français a few nights since, owing to that famous theatre having refused to accept a play he had written. The desponding dramatist was taken to a hospital, and is recovering, not having been fatally injured.

The Rehearsal Club, presided over by Mr. Forbes-Robertson, had a pleasant meeting at the St. James's Theatre. Amongst others who pleaded for the club was Miss Constance Collier, who said that when she was a chorus-girl, the club would have been a boon to her. The subscriptions amounted to a considerable sum.

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THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

FOOTBALL.

BUT for a slip in the match with England at Portsmouth, Ireland's representatives could now be claiming the Association International Championship. It sounds rather curious, because everyone has always looked upon the championship as a certainty for either England or Scotland; but it is a fact all the same that only bad luck prevented the Irishmen from carrying off the honours of the season. Wherefore we must in future pay a deal more respect to the wearers of the green.

Neither Ireland nor Wales had full strength at Belfast last Saturday, and the football was not of such good class as one usually meets at International games. With the wind in their favour in the first half Ireland pressed very hard, but although corner after corner fell to their lot, they could not force the ball past Evans, who kept goal in great style. He is a magnificent substitute for L. R. Roose.

Wales had bright prospects of victory when the second half commenced, but the rain that fell almost immediately the players made their reappearance absolutely ruined the ground, which became of the consistency of dough. How the players managed to keep going was a mystery, but they contrived to attain to a fairish standard, and when Goodall at last beat Evans with a very fine shot, the enthusiasm of the spectators found full vent despite the gloomy surroundings. It was Connor, the Woolwich Arsenal-cum-Brentford forward, who got Ireland's second goal, and the Irishmen won their second game of the season by two goals to nil.

There were many curious results in the First Division of the League last Saturday, the most significant being the downfall of West Bromwich Albion on their own ground. As their conquerors were Sunderland, it was a still more bitter pill for the Albion, whose prospects for the League Championship were, to all intents and purposes, snuffed out by the three goals to none reverse. This was real good for Sunderland, and the only drawback to their jubilation was the fact that Sheffield Wednesday had gained a couple of points at the expense of Stoke, the "Blades" winning by one goal to nil. But Monday brought a further increase of points to Sunderland, who went across to Liverpool and divided the honours with Tom Watson's men by virtue



OXFORD V. CAMBRIDGE SPORTS.

G. HOWARD-SMITH (CAMBRIDGE) WINNING THE HIGH JUMP, WITH A LEAP OF 5 FT. 10 1/2 IN.

of a draw of one goal each. This raised Sunderland's record of points to 36 for twenty-eight matches played; Sheffield Wednesday have 39 points as the result of thirty games, so the race ought to be exciting.

Sheffield United performed better on Saturday at Liverpool than Sunderland did on Monday, for they thrashed the locals by four goals to two. Then they met Derby County at Bramall Lane on Monday, and secured another win by three goals to two. Four points in two "working days" is not so bad, and if the United fail to bring off their outside chance of winning the League championship, they will at least have justified their reputation for bold fighters in both Cup and League contests.

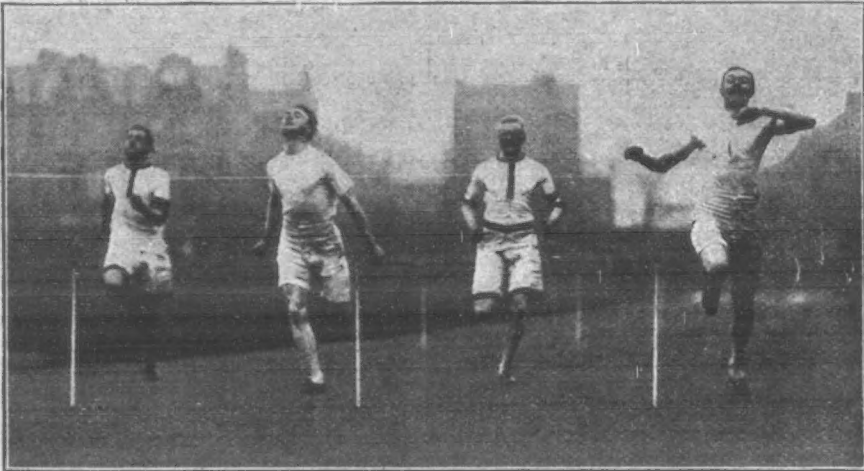
Derby County's form at present is not encouraging to those who have pinned their faith to the "Rams" for the Cup final, for, in addition to the set-back I have already mentioned, they went down last Saturday on their own ground before Everton. Against this, however, must be placed the discomfiture of Bury, who lost, like Derby, by one to none. Bolton Wanderers were the conquerors of Bury, and it seems wonderful how the "Trotters" keep bobbing up, to the intense consternation of their critics. There was a nasty incident in connection with this game, and the moral of it is that the Football Association should deal out justice with a firm hand to any transgressors of the laws of the game. I won't mention names; the authorities know the facts.

The victory of Notts County over Blackburn Rovers by four goals to none was more pronounced than anticipated, and three to none was a rather severe whacking for Grimsby at Wolverhampton. Middlesbrough did admirably in getting the better of Notts Forest by two goals to none, and the Tee-siders may now rest absolutely content that they are immune from the degradation of joining Bolton Wanderers in the descent to the Second Division at the end of the month.

Newcastle United can hardly feel comfortably situated even though they defeated Aston Villa by two goals to nil last Saturday. Blackburn Rovers and Grimsby are straining every nerve and sinew to escape the bottom place but one; and it may happen that either or both of them will pass the Norwocasters. Still, a couple of points in hand at this stage of the competition are very handy indeed. By the way, Aston Villa failed to finish their game with Notts County on Monday owing to a storm which broke over the Aston ground soon after the second half was started. The Villa were then leading by one goal to nothing.

So far as the Second Division is concerned, it becomes more apparent week by week that Small Heath will be the club to ascend to the Premier Division in company with

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OXFORD V. CAMBRIDGE SPORTS LAST SATURDAY.

R. W. BARCLAY (CAMBRIDGE) WINNING THE 100 YARDS.

Manchester City. The "City" themselves were not playing in the competition last Saturday, being busily employed in annexing the Manchester Cup, their opponents in the final tie, Stockport County, going under to the extent of seven goals to nil. Meanwhile Small Heath had Blackpool for opponents in the League, and the "Brums" made no mistake about gathering in the full number of points, Blackpool retiring with a five goals to one reverse. As Woolwich Arsenal could do no better than make a draw of two goals each at Lincoln—and they were lucky in sharing the spoils—the chances of the Southerners were not enhanced. As matters stand now, Manchester City have a lead over Small Heath of 3 points; but the "Heathens" have only played twenty-nine matches to the

There were many close games on Saturday, and in the majority of cases no more than one goal divided the contestants. Bristol City visited Preston, and gave the North Enders a hard fight, the Lancastrians getting home by one goal to none; Burnley just got the better of Glossop by two goals to one; Gainsborough Trinity visited Barnsley and won by three goals to two; Doncaster Rovers drew at Chesterfield, the score being a goal each; and Burslem Port Vale defeated Burton United by four goals to two. Burslem gained another victory on Monday, when they sent Burnley back to Lancashire with a three to one defeat. Preston North End rather luckily beat Manchester United by a goal; but the greatest upset of form was at Bristol, where Lincoln City beat the ex-Southern Leaguers by two goals to none.

In the Southern League, the victory of Southampton at Watford by three goals to one, coupled with the reverse of Reading by two goals to none at Tottenham, made the championship a practical certainty for the "Saints." I am not given to ultra-enthusiasm, but I do think that Southampton deserve to "get there" this season. They are a capital all-round team, and the manner in which they have brought their reserve players along to fill the shoes of "crooked cracks" is an object-lesson to other clubs.

Of course, Reading are not absolutely out of it; neither are Portsmouth, for the matter of that, for football is a strangely uncertain game; but something uncanny has got to happen to deprive Southampton of their lead. Portsmouth's victory of four goals to two gained over Kettering was not easily obtained, and many of the other matches were closely contested. Bristol Rovers were a solitary goal better than Millwall, and Northampton were similarly successful over their near and dear neighbours from Wellingborough. Queen's Park Rangers beat poor Brentford by two goals to nil. West Ham United ran up four goals against Luton's one, and Swindon drew with New Brompton at one goal each. Luton and Brentford played their first teams in a London League match on Monday—Luton winning by two goals to one—and on the same afternoon Tottenham Hotspur made sure of the London League championship by beating Queen's Park Rangers by three goals to nil.

ATHLETICS.

In spite of the endeavour of some critics to point out how Oxford might, after all, either beat or tie with Cambridge in the Sports at Queen's Club last Saturday, the Light Blues justified the confidence reposed in them by the better judges. Not only did they win, but they came out victorious by eight events to two. It was a bad swamping for the Oxonians, but, on the performances, it was no more than was deserved, gallantly though the Dark Blues struggled. The weather, unfortunately, turned out bad, and even the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the young Princes Edward and Albert, Prince Charles of Denmark, and other notable personages, did not altogether counter-balance the "damper" put on the meeting.

Cambridge carried off all the events on the flat, and, in addition, annexed the high jump, the hammer, and the weight. Oxford's two wins being in the hurdles and the long jump. R. W. Barclay was a dual winner on the flat for the Light Blues, and H. A. Leeke captured both the weight and the hammer. Barclay did extremely well in the sprint, and, under the conditions that prevailed, 10 1/2 sec. was excellent time. He also ran well in the quarter, which he won.



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in 50½ sec. Leeke threw the hammer 126 ft. 8 in., which is a record for the Sports since the abolition of the unlimited run; and he also caused some surprise by beating his companion, the Hon. G. W. Lyttelton, in the weight, which he "put" 37 ft. 8 in.

H. W. Gregson had less trouble in disposing of E. L. Gay-Roberts in the mile than was expected, and 4 min. 27 2-5 sec. was fine time for the distance on such a day. Both the cracks named turned out again in the three miles at the end of the day, but Gay-Roberts never looked like making a show, and Gregson could get no nearer than third to H. P. W. Macnaghten, who won by 50 yards from the Oxonian, M. H. Godby. The winner's time was 15 min. 13 2-5 sec. G. Howard-Smith took the high jump with a leap of 5 ft. 10½ in., his confrère, C. S. Doorly, being next with 5 ft. 8½ in.

The much-discussed half-mile event brought forth the best tussle of the day. T. B. Wilson won, but it was only after a game race with H. E. Holding. The Oxonian held a lead of four yards in the last hundred, and a plucky fight between the pair ended in Wilson just winning on the post in 2 min. 2 sec. Individually, there was no better performance during the day than that of G. R. Garner in the hurdles. The great Oxonian is perfection at this particular class of athletics, and nobody could live with him last Saturday; going away from the start, he cleared the hurdles with that well-known easy action of his, and finished in 16 sec. T. A. Leach was the other Oxford winner, with a fine effort of 22 ft. 3 in. in the long jump, in which event the Dark Blues also supplied the second man in G. Smith, whose best jump was 21 ft. 1½ in. Although



A. SHRUBBS,

WHO WON THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL TEAM RACE AT GLASGOW LAST SATURDAY.

so badly beaten on points, the Oxonians were by no means disgraced.

CROSS-COUNTRY.

Although the strength of England's team in the first international team-race was sufficient to make the event a foregone conclusion, it is none the less a fact that a great success was scored at Hamilton Park, Glasgow, last Saturday. Of course A. Shrubbs finished first, the great South London Harrier doing the eight miles journey in 46 min. 22 3-5 sec. In addition to the champion, England could claim the services of B. J. Robinson, A. Aldridge, J. Hoaker, and W. A. Mercer, to say nothing of T. Edwards, who finished second in the race.

Edwards was nearly 300 yards in the rear of Shrubbs, and next in order was the Irish champion, J. J. Daly, who came in about eighty yards behind Edwards. Aldridge was fourth, Robinson fifth, and Mercer sixth. Scotland's best representative on the day was J. Crosbie, who was tenth, and the first Welshman to finish was J. D. Marsh, who was twelfth. When the team-placings were counted up it was seen that England was easily first, the respective points being: England, 25; Ireland, 75; Scotland, 107; and Wales, 140.

ROWING.

Oxford v. Cambridge Boat-Race.

As was generally anticipated by the critics, the Cambridge crew inflicted a defeat on their rivals on Wednesday afternoon. Striking thirty-eight strokes in the first minute to the thirty-six of the Dark Blues, the Cantabs obtained the lead at Craven Steps. At Walden's one length separated the boats. Both crews rowed well, but the superiority of Cambridge was shown throughout. After what was a much better race than the bare result would seem to indicate, Cambridge won by six lengths.

HOCKEY.

Irish sport is looking up. Not only have the sons of Erin done remarkably well in football, but they have shown



PENNINGTON,

THE NOTTS COUNTY GOAL-KEEPER.

admirable form in other directions, notably at hockey. Though Scotland had the advantage of playing on home soil last Saturday, the Irishmen were victorious by six goals to nil. This is the third defeat at hockey suffered by Scotland this season, but seeing that they are comparatively new to international matches, their want of success is scarcely surprising.

Gloucestershire have had a particularly strong side during the season just concluded, and every match they engaged in ended in a victory for them. Their latest victims were Somerset, who succumbed by four goals to two at Bristol last Saturday. Moore, who played for England against Wales this year, was in very fine fettle in goal for the winners.

BANSHEE.

THE RACING WORLD.

LOVERS of the Turf might have had a very good time last week if they went out for sport only, without doing betting, or believed solely in what they had seen, and backed, as they would under those circumstances, both the winner of the Lincolnshire Handicap and the victor in the Grand National Steeplechase. As a matter of fact, those who knew least about



THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE: THE START.

the Turf's inner working did the best, because they would not be stalled off Over Norton and Drumree.

What made so many of the talent leave out Over Norton was knowing that the horse had been offered round for sale at a quite moderate price. Messrs. Irish and William Millard bought him; for what was practically less than £900 in money value, and that did not look like taking the Lincolnshire Handicap. Had he remained in his former proprietor's hands he would have been as much fancied on the course as he was among the Continental backers.

Then as to Drumree, a slight demonstration against him on Monday was sufficient to scare off a large proportion of

the public backers. Said they: Where there is smoke there is fire; and being discouraged by the horse's weakening just when he ought to have been coming in the market, they left Mr. Morrison's chaser out. At Lincoln we had far and away the biggest attendance seen on a Lincolnshire Handicap day, but this was quite insignificant compared with the vast assemblage gathered at Liverpool for the dual purpose of seeing the King and the National, also with the loyal hope that Ambush II. might improve on his recent form and score a second victory in the Royal colours. Never, perhaps, in the history of the steeplechase have conditions been more favourable for enjoying a view of the contest, or for deciding it. The going was good, the air was clear and not calculated to affect horses a little bit queer in their wind, and the fences were quite as big as any lover of a good lepper could desire.

Now it is all over, I really cannot say which ought to have won. Twenty-three started, sixteen came to grief. Of these, ten were down before the first circuit was completed. Now let us take the thirteen who stood up further. Matthew, who had been going great guns and making a good deal of the running, came down. He had been jumping sideways, but all the same fencing boldly. Drumree looked like staying all the way, and cleared the jump most beautifully. Deerslayer held quite a good chance, but he tumbled at the last fence but one, where Drumree was steadied a little.

Manifesto had been lunging along in rare style all the while, and Detail, with whom a great coup had been planned, neared the leader throughout, with Arthur Nightingall taking masterly advantage of his knowledge of the course. Pawnbroker was up and going quite respectably, Saxilby lasted up to the last fence but one, and there, while Manifesto did not seem to have speed enough to carry him home when the flat would be reached, he would be a bold man to argue strongly that he could name the winner. Ambush ran on so stoutly that loud shouts were raised in anticipation of his success. Drumree, up to this point, was going with perhaps less evidence of distress from the journey. Drumree, on a line of his own, was keeping his place. Detail was still there, and Kirkland stoutly fighting.

Friends who were down at the last jump declare that Ambush went into that fence, being at the time far from beaten. The King's horse came a big cropper. Drumree, who, I think, jumped first, got a little farther and was then seized with staggers, and the race was quickly reduced to a match between Detail and Drumree. Young P. Woodland rode with admirable confidence, and Arthur Nightingall in his very best style—higher compliment than that latter cannot be paid. Just for a little it seemed as though the light-weight would get home. Drumree, however, had enough left, and Arthur somewhat eased his horse just before the post was reached.

A desperate effort on Mason's part enabled him to get Kirkland up to Manifesto all but a short head, so the "grand old man" of steeplechasing once more gained a place. This pair were beaten five-and-twenty lengths from the leader, but the demonstration which greeted Mr. Dutoit's horse as he came into the paddock was scarcely less than the reception accorded the actual winner. Although the field was so reduced before the last half-mile was commenced, the contest among the survivors was one of the most exciting ever seen. Of the unfortunates, Kilmallog had to be destroyed, and it was feared that others, Ambush and Drumree, were seriously injured. Ambush, however, was practically not hurt, and at the time of writing Drumree was reported in a fair way towards being shortly all right again.

The Woodlands are notable for making good cross-country riders early; this Percy is still a minor. He had a

week of which the most experienced might be proud, for in addition to winning the National he carried off the Liverpool Hurdle Race on Mr. Washington Singer's Hearwood, and also the Champion Steeplechase with Rose Wreath.

One could not help feeling regret in hearing that Mr. Sievier had sold Sceptre, who, with her big weight, certainly took chief honours though defeated in the Lincoln Handicap. Mr. Sievier told me on Friday that he had received a telegram from India saying that Mr. W. Bass, son of the late Esamar Bass, had agreed to give the price asked. She may remain at Shrewton, but is pretty sure to be placed at Manton, where her present owner's father was for many years a patron of the Taylors.

Of future events it is not convenient to speak just now, as the Derby betting remains in statu quo, and the City and Suburban is of the fancy order. Whatever beats Over Norton in that Epsom handicap will be lucky; and Hearwood, I think, will be unlucky should he lose the big steeplechase at Manchester. There is nothing in this week's programme particularly worth going for, but I will say I expect the Prisoner out of Wheatfield to land the Croxton Park Stakes, Fortullis the Doveridge Handicap at Derby, and Taylor to be worth following at Windsor.

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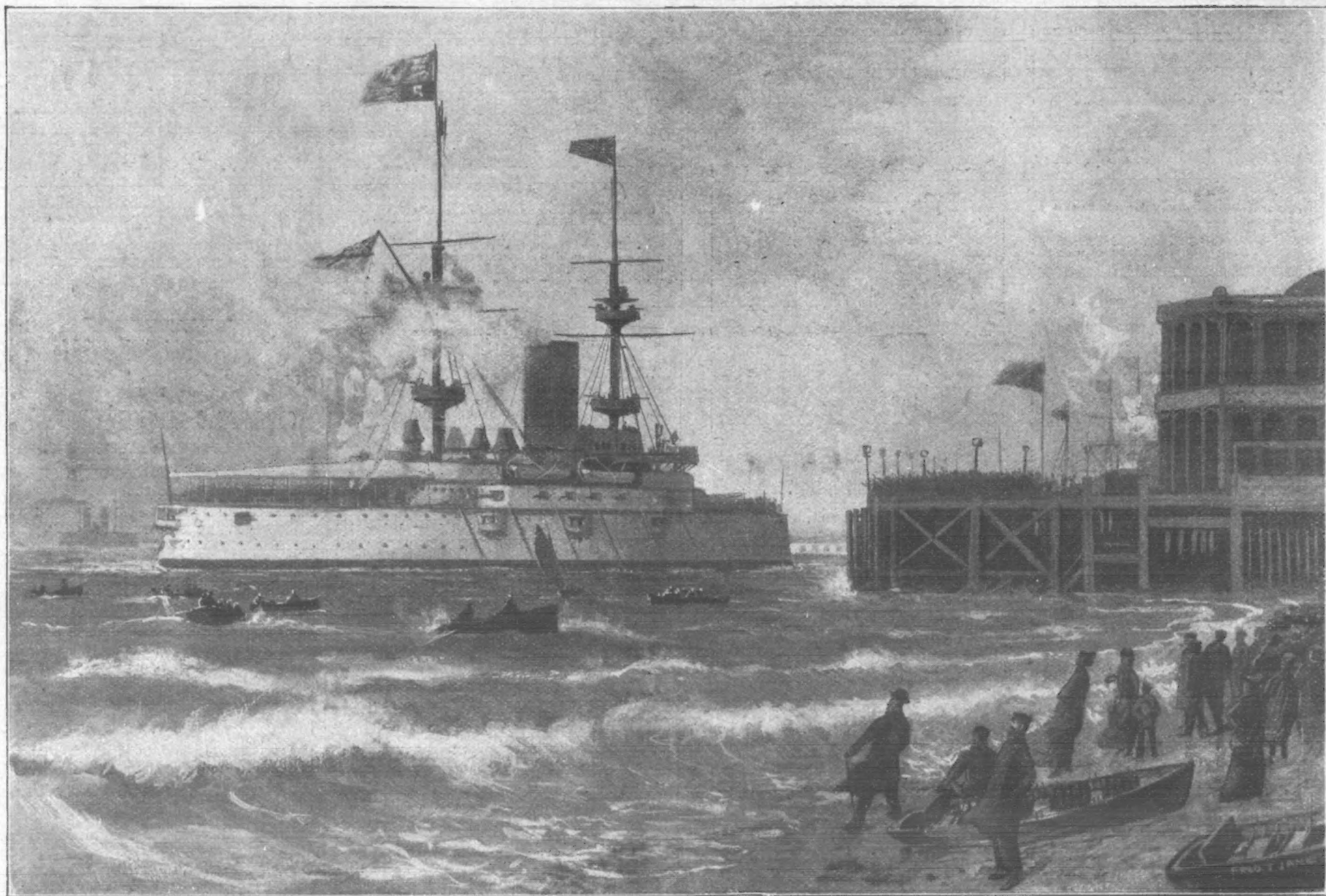
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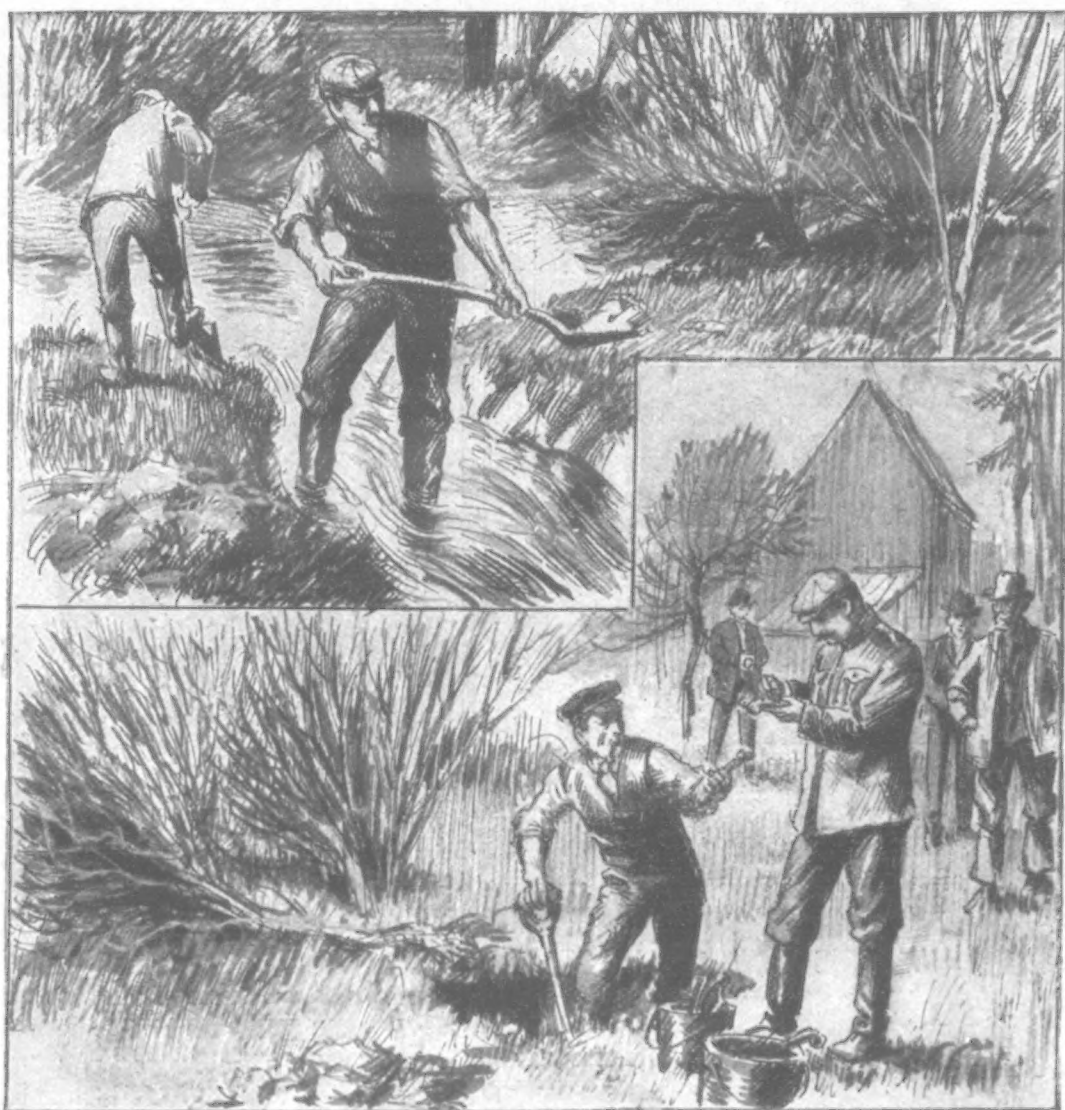
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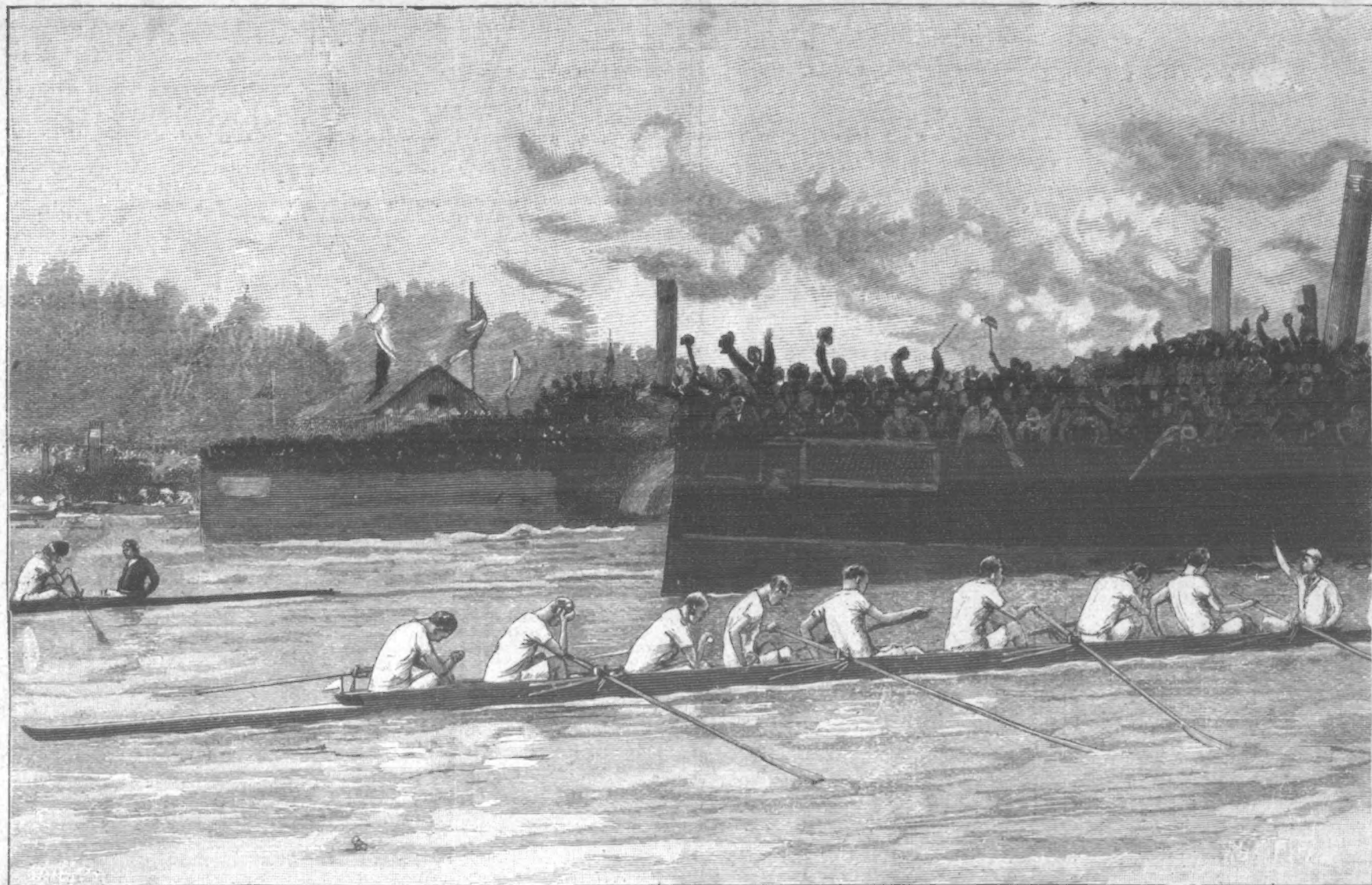
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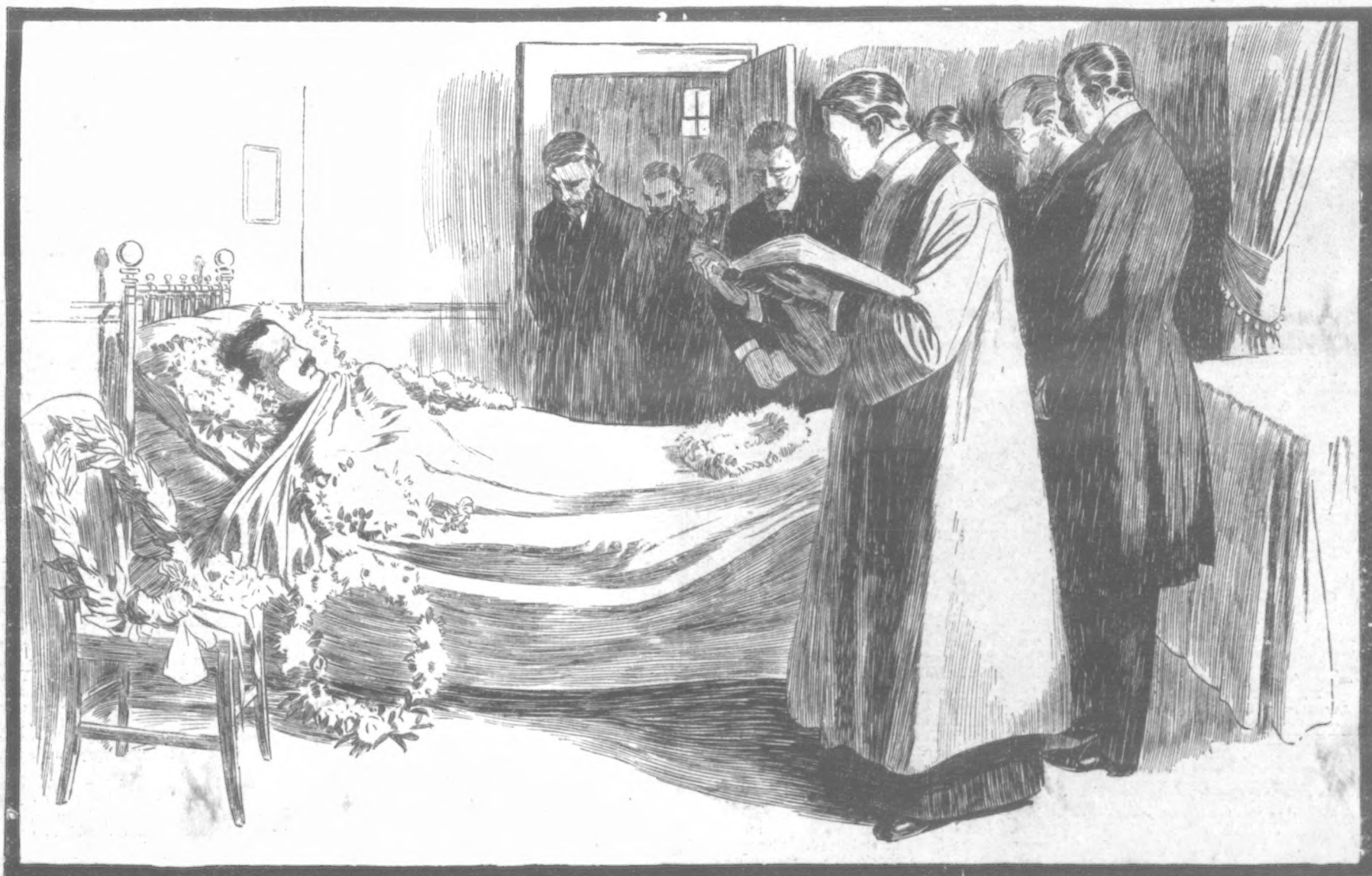
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CHAPTER XXXIX.

"WHEN THEY KNOW ALL."

"Nora, dear!"

"Yes, Vi." Nora paused on the threshold of her mother's boudoir to answer the low call. Violet Marsden stepped from the shadow of the adjoining gallery into the light of the small private staircase that led to Mrs. East's rooms. A single electric pendant illuminated the square, oak-panelled landing.

"Is—is your mother any better?" Nora was asked softly. She sighed, but did not meet her questioner's glance.

"Mamma is going to try and get some sleep," she answered evasively; "nothing else really does these terrible headaches of hers any good. It would be madness for her to think of setting out for Paris to-night."

Violet laid a hand on the speaker's arm. "Nora, dear," she rejoined, "I don't want to be inquisitive, but—but your mother had some rather startling news, hadn't she? I was going down the great staircase just now and heard two of the servants talking in the hall below, by the kitchen entrance. They were talking about Deepdene and Mr. Lynch. One was telling the other about the butler from Deepdene, who had stayed on with Mr. Lynch when your

feared such an event; I knew that one or other of your father's unpunished crimes would bring the Law on his heels, even to this quiet corner of the world."

Nora slipped the pins out of her mother's hat and took it off. "I am sure, mamma," she said, "that Austin will be as quick as possible. He knows how anxious you must be."

Gertrude East put her hands on the younger woman's shoulders and gazed into her face. "My little daughter," she exclaimed, "you have found a very true and loyal gentleman to love you. It is my one comfort, my only comfort. Yet I dare not think how you both will endure the storm of obloquy and shame that may, that I fear must, break upon us."

Her daughter's lips were pressed to her own cold cheek. "I shall not mind, mother dear," she answered simply, "except for you. And when people know all—if they have to—how you were innocent all the time, how you suffered, and how bravely you fought to make a living, how you thought he was dead, and that you might be happy once more—surely, surely they will only respect and pity you. And I shall be proud of my mother, prouder of her than I shall be ashamed of my father—when they know all!"

Mrs. East bit her lip and covered her eyes.

through the hall toward the entrance-doors. They swung wide and Austin Damer stepped in. Nora stole down the stairs; the footman was taking the artist's hat and overcoat. The latter had gone out in his dinner-jacket and dress shoes. His feet were splashed with the white mud of the Inglefield roads.

Austin Damer saw the little figure on the stairs and hastened to meet her. Their hands touched mutely, and they mounted to the level of the darkened gallery. In its shelter the artist faltered.

"It is all too true," he said. "Deepdene is in the possession of the police, but I can get no information from them, though I told them that I asked on behalf of Mrs. East, the leaseholder of the house. The answer of the inspector in charge was that she would doubtless be communicated with in due course. Unfortunately, I had taken no credentials, and they may have suspected me to be an ingenious reporter."

Nora sighed. "They—they evidently don't know who—who mamma is," she murmured. The artist hesitated.

"It would appear so," he allowed; "but really one can conclude nothing with certainty from so formal an answer. However, the question is, What ought your mother to do—continue her journey to Paris, or stay and see the thing through? I can hardly tell which to advise now that the storm has burst."

He moved forward up the gallery. Nora checked him.

"Austin," she said. Her lover paused, struck by her tone. She had lingered near a window, from whose tall panes the moonlight fell upon her. She was very pale, and trembled.



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mother let the house, coming up to the Court to say—"

Nora averted her young head more determinedly than ever. "Mamma was very much upset, of course," she said; "and in any case it was impossible for her to go to Paris and leave Deepdene full of police. You see, the house was only sub-let—to Mr. Lynch, and mamma is responsible to the owners."

"Then it is true," faltered Violet—"true that the police tried to arrest Mr. Lynch and Mr. Jeff, and that they nearly killed a policeman and got away!"

"Yes," said Nora heavily, "it is true, Vi. But I must get back to mamma. Good-night, dear."

And with this abrupt conclusion she glided into the boudoir and shut the door. Violet stood a moment, fixed in a statue-like rigidity, her fingers locked before her.

"Oh!" she murmured, "and I rode in the wretch's motor-car and quarrelled with poor Phil because he warned me against him! I let him flatter me and all but make love to me while—the police must actually have been in search of him for—some crime."

In a spasm of disgust she had uttered the words aloud. The sound of her own voice recalled her to herself; she regained hastily the obscurity of the gallery and passed down it to the more central portion of the Court.

Her quick step across the landing jarred a loose plank under the carpet. The door of Mrs. East's boudoir opened again, and Nora scanned the deserted stairhead. She re-closed the door and went back into the apartment.

"No, mamma," she said; "Violet has gone, and there is no one there."

Mrs. East looked up. She was sitting in a low chair by the embers of the neglected fire, her travelling-cloak slung behind her, her hat still on, her features drawn and white.

"He—he must be here soon," she murmured; "he would not have any difficulty in ascertaining if this story were true. But, indeed, there was no reason to doubt it—none. All along I have

They were too full of a tragic horror for her to reveal their expression to Nora.

"When—when they know all!" she repeated; "when they know all!" She glanced at her watch again.

"Go—go and see if Mr. Damer is not in now," she said; "the servants may tell him we have retired. He—he may be in doubt whether to send up."

Nora had sunk upon the floor beside her mother's chair. She sprang to her feet, and, with a pitiful glance at Gertrude East's bowed form, acted upon the suggestion. She did not see that the latter, as she passed out, had started from her seat and flung herself down by a couch, to bury her face in its cushions, stifling the sobs that her will was no longer able to suppress.

Her daughter crossed the landing without, went through the gallery beyond, and gained the head of the broad staircase and descended into the central hall of the Court. From it she could see the great entrance-doors. They were closed, and the hall was in silence, save for the beating of a massive clock, whose huge bronze mechanism, unenclosed by any case, clicked monotonously at intervals. Its fingers pointed to the third quarter after ten.

Much had happened since the morning. Some thirteen hours before she had risen a bright free English girl, happy in the consciousness that her betrothed and she were for a few days to be under the same roof. Now, disguise it as she might from her mother, she was numbed by the awful realisation that she herself was the child of a convicted criminal. She had looked into Austin Damer's frank countenance with the searching insight of a woman in love, and she had seen that it had indeed made no difference to him. But her own pride was stung; she would have had herself, for his sake, all that a man might desire his wife to be—rich, beautiful, of unblemished reputation and descent. And her father was flying, possibly for his life, with the police at his heels!

Nora started. A bell had pealed, somewhere in the recesses of the Court, and a servant came

"What if we were both to go to Paris," she responded, "mamma and I, and—and never let you hear of us again?" The artist's reply to this question was to draw its author into his arms.

"My dear girl," he said, "what have I done to deserve a broken heart?"

Nora clung to him. "Would it really mean that, Austin?" she faltered. The artist kissed her.

"Broken hearts are not very many things, I'm afraid," he rejoined; "but I can't lose you, dear—I can't indeed. Do not speak of such a thing to your mother; she would be cut to the heart to think that you had dreamed of doubting your fitness to be any honest man's wife."

"I—I believe she would," said Nora slowly; "but I must think of you too, Austin, and of what is best for you."

Her lover stopped her mouth with another kiss. "Our present duty," he declared, "is to think of what is best for your mother. Come, dear, remember in what suspense she must be. And yet she is wonderfully brave. You have a right to be proud of your mother, dear."

Nora did not answer, but she returned his kiss with an impulsive warmth that surprised him, not disagreeably. Then she drew him forward to the long gallery and into her mother's boudoir.

Mrs. East had recovered her self-control, and regained her former position in the armchair by the fire. She rose at their entry.

"Well?" she said, and her black eyes strove to read his face.

"No good news," he replied, "except that they have escaped. The police would tell me nothing, but there was a crowd about the house, and all sorts of wild rumours in circulation. It is said that they walked out with levelled revolvers from under the noses of the police, after Mr.—Mr. Lynch had rescued his companion."

Gertrude East clenched her hands tightly. "No—no one was killed, then?" she added. The artist shook his head.

"Thank Heaven! apparently not," he answered. "But these are matters that can wait. The immediate problem is whether you ought not to leave Inglefield at once, for Paris or elsewhere."

Mrs. East sat down again. "I must not do that," she said determinedly; "think of Nora. If I am involved by my husband's attempted arrest, so is she. Your plan of a hasty and private marriage is but ill adapted to deal with the issues that have suddenly sprung up. I am her mother, and she will need me. Yet you shall have your way about the marriage, since the shadow of shame has no power to wither your love for her. But till she is safely your wife I will remain by her side."

The artist would have spoken, but she motioned insistently.

"You do not understand," he pursued; "you cannot understand. Tell me," and she faltered and put her hand to her heart, "what is—of what are my husband and Mr. Jelf accused?"

Austin Damer studied her curiously. "I could not ascertain that," he responded; "but if it is of any vital importance I believe that I can do so."

Gertrude East was silent for a moment. "It may be of importance to you and to Nora," she said; "but of that you cannot judge, nor can I until I know. If you can find out, do so without delay."

The artist consulted his watch. "I will do my best," he promised; "but it is very late, and the attempt, whether successful or not, may take me some hours. Had you not better try and get some sleep? I will not come back to the Court to-night—it would only disturb the household. Besides, I want to go to the caravan—to see Hackett."

"Hackett!" exclaimed Mrs. East, shrinking; "can he—can he know?"

"I should scarcely think so," said the artist. "I shall look for the information to—another person."

He bade her a grave good-night, clasped Nora's hand, and was gone.

CHAPTER XL.

"WE WILL ADMIT THE FACTS."

"I hope he understood—I think he understood."

"Who, dad?" Philip Rutherford threw down the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic*, and looked at his father across the smoky atmosphere of the Colonel's "den."

Owen Rutherford swung round in his swivel-chair from the desk where he sat, as he had sat for half an hour, lost in meditation, and gazing at a page of a bank passbook. He had stopped at the top of the page, at a line which read "East—£5000." It was the bank's record of the payment of the cheque he had given to Gertrude East. At the bottom of the credits on the other side of the page was an item of the same amount. She had paid it back to him a day or two before. The Colonel roused himself to reply to his son's question.

"Damer," he said—"my hint this morning."

"Oh!" responded Philip discontentedly; "well, he may have understood it, dad, but I'm hanged if I do."

The Colonel closed the passbook and swung round again to put it away. "I know, my boy," he said, a melancholy inflection in his voice. Philip got up and came to his father's side.

"Dad," he observed, "you asked him to do anything he could to lighten the blow that must fall upon the young and innocent. You—you didn't mean Violet, did you?"

Owen Rutherford's eyes opened widely. "My dear fellow," he exclaimed, "what on earth has Lynch to do with Violet?"

Philip winced. "N-not very much," he answered awkwardly; "I—I believe she's been rather struck with him, though. The fellow can talk a bit, and he's knocked about the world apparently. I suppose he is what you might call a well-looking beggar enough, too. And above all, he's not young."

The Colonel pushed back his chair and rose to put a hand on his son's shoulder: the sneer in the last word had jarred painfully on his ear.

"Phil," he said, "my dear lad, you can't mean that he has been paying Vi any real attention!"

"It can do no good to talk about it," replied his son miserably, "but that's what it comes to. Only I did wonder how the dickens Damer could be expected to have any influence over Violet—except, perhaps, through Nora."

Owen Rutherford twisted his grizzled moustaches. "Phil," he answered, "I'm sorry. I've been thinking about myself instead of about you, or I should have noticed how down in the mouth you've been. I ought to have struck at this Lynch some time ago: I could have done if I had had the courage. I almost wish for your sake I had done."

He stopped, biting his lip. "I'll speak honestly to you, Phil," he said, "not as father to son, but as one chum to another. I've been holding my hand for the sake of a woman—ay, and to be candid, for my own sake, too. I couldn't bring myself to wound her even at the call of duty. Mrs. East—"

The Colonel paused to cough. Philip Rutherford flushed boyishly. "I think I guessed, dad," he rejoined, "that you—"

"Did you, lad?" said the Colonel, colouring in his turn. "Well, I might say that I was bound not to believe ill lightly of the woman who had been poor Marsden's betrothed. But I won't. Phil: I have been ruled by my own luckless heartache."

"But Mrs. East can have nothing to do with Lynch's exposure," demurred Philip; "you can't believe that—"

Owen Rutherford knitted his brows, and delayed to reply. The little pause that followed his son's question was broken by the opening of a door and a brief announcement—

"Mr. Damer, Sir!"

The Colonel faced about as the figure of the artist penetrated the haze. "Good evening, Damer," he said.

The artist shook hands with both men. "This is shockingly late for a call," he added; "but the fact is, Colonel Rutherford, I am here to ask you for an explanation."

His tone was a trifle brusque, and Owen Rutherford drew himself up instinctively.

"By all means," he said, and motioned to a seat. Austin Damer remained standing.

"This morning," he remarked, "you begged me, in guarded terms, to warn Mrs. East of the danger that hung over her. You implied also that you would afford me a sufficient opportunity of rendering that warning effective."

"I was scarcely so precise," answered Owen Rutherford directly, yet without anger; "but we will admit the facts to be as you represent."

The artist bent his head. "How comes it, then," he pursued, "that this evening the Inglefield police raided Deepdene with the object of arresting both George Ferris and the man Jelf? They escaped temporarily, but the mischief is done."

Owen Rutherford gazed at him, stupefied. "George Ferris!" he said "Ferris!"

"Oh! a truce to diplomacy, Colonel Rutherford," retorted the artist crisply. "George Lynch, if you insist on his alias; but, all the same, George Ferris, and her husband."

Colonel Rutherford put out a hand—a hand that shook slightly.

"Her—her husband!" he whispered; "Lynch—George Ferris, and her husband!"

CHAPTER XLI.

"HE—HE LOVED HER."

A thrill of amazement ran through Austin Damer. The emotion was reflected upon the faces of Philip and Owen Rutherford.

"Of course," stammered the artist, "Lynch is Ferris, and Mrs. East's husband. I—I thought you knew; you told me to warn her."

The Colonel was slowly regaining his mental balance. "Mrs. East not a widow," he murmured, "but—but George Ferris's wife, and Lynch not Lynch; but—oh," he interrupted himself, "that is impossible. The Ferrises were all fair: I knew old George Ferris well. The mother was dark—she was Marsden's sister—but the children took after their father."

Austin Damer shook his head. "That proves nothing, Colonel Rutherford," he said; "Lynch is simply a brilliantly disguised edition of Ferris. I myself have an independent witness to his identity. My man Hackett was duped and ruined by Ferris in Australia, and recognised both him and Mrs.—Mrs. East."

Owen Rutherford straightened himself in a grim, military pose. "You are in her confidence then," he observed sternly. Austin Damer met his glance without flinching, yet he saw that a great change had taken place in the Colonel's mental attitude.

"Very incompletely," he said; "and that more by accident than design. But I implore you, Colonel Rutherford, not to prejudice Mrs. East. She has suffered much, and I fear, must suffer still more. And, after all, she loves her daughter: and Nora, at least, is innocent of any sin but that of being her parent's child. Perhaps, however, since we have so strangely misunderstood one another, you will tell me for what crime Ferris has been arrested, and what ground you had for associating him in any way with Mrs. East."

The Colonel turned to his desk, opened a drawer in it, and lifted out a strip of silk and a torn glove.

"This," he said, showing the latter, "my hound took from your spaniel during a call of mine at your camp in your absence. I recognised it as one of some dozens I had given to Mrs. East in payment of a debt: I had had them specially made. Your dog had evidently picked it up on the moors. As you see, it is stained and torn. The stain was dry when I came into possession of it: the rent was made not by the dog's teeth, but by bruising against some hard substance—probably rock."

The artist would have spoken, but the Colonel checked him. "I know," he said; "Mrs. East gave me an explanation of her visit to Inglefield. At the time that explanation was satisfactory."

He held out the strip of silk. "This," he remarked, "I noticed tied round a bundle of letters on an escritoire at Deepdene, during Mrs. East's tenancy of the house. I obtained it from her, and ascertained that it matches exactly the strip which had been used to strangle the dead man whom we discovered in the Rutherford Cave."

Owen Rutherford glanced at his son. "Get me those moulds, Phil," he said.

Philip obeyed, and brought from a cupboard the rough copies made in plaster of the footprints left by Mr. George Lynch in the damp soil about the mouth of the Bottomless Pit. His father pointed to the long and slim impression.

"These, unless a careful study of his foot during one of our few interviews deceives me," commented the Colonel, "are the footprints of Lynch—that is, if you are correct, of George Ferris. They are the mementoes of a secret visit he paid to a small cavern near the Bottomless Pit—a cavern in which Phil and I found, wrapped in a torn handkerchief, or rather in a portion of one, the pattern of which resembled this"—and he touched the silk again—"a heap of broken watch-cases and shattered settings. You may recollect that the murdered man whose body we were instrumental in recovering from its watery grave was identified as a jeweller's traveller."

"Good Heavens!" exclaimed the artist; "then it is for the murder of this poor wretch that you have had Lynch arrested. And—and"

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you think that Mrs. East knew of the—the crime."

Owen Rutherford restored the silk and the glove to a drawer in the desk. "I dare not answer the last question," he said; "but if she did not, how did this scrap of too, too suggestive material come into her possession? However, waiting that point, I may say that I have not had Lynch arrested, as you put it. I have not moved in the matter. A profound and harassing indecision has produced an inertia which, I fear, verges on the dishonourable. It was only recently that Phil saw Lynch at night, near Ingle Cleft—a chance that led to the securing of these moulds. I have been expecting Lynch to visit me in fulfilment of a promise to do so, when I intended to obtain, by some device, a print of his foot to compare with this."

"Then," observed Austin Damer, bewildered, "have the police anticipated your discoveries, or has Lynch, Ferris—what you will—been arrested for some other offence?"

The Colonel crossed the room. "That is a matter easily solved," he said, ringing the bell of a wall-telephone and unhooking the earpiece. "What are you going to do?" demanded the artist.

Owen Rutherford answered him curtly. "Ring up the police offices," he said, and turned to the instrument to give a number. Philip and the artist waited passively.

"Is that the Central Police?" asked Owen Rutherford, and his voice shook a little, as if with some fiercely repressed emotion. He paused for the reply, then added—"Colonel Rutherford is speaking. Who is in charge there to-night?" Another pause, and then, "Ask him to come to the telephone."

A longer interval followed before the Colonel began to speak again. Philip was watching his father, a keen, if anxious sympathy shadowing his young face.

"Good evening, Inspector," said the Colonel, "you have, I believe, just attempted to arrest a man named Lynch at Deepdene, a villa on the Inglefield Road?"

A moment's silence. "Indeed," pursued Owen Rutherford. "Well, I have myself been contemplating for some little while a communication to the Superintendent respecting Mr. Lynch. Can you tell me what is the particular offence for which he is wanted by you?"

There was a pause. The listeners in the Colonel's "den" held their breath. They could not see his face, but they noticed his lithe figure stiffen sharply, and the hand that he d the earpiece dropped an inch, returning slowly to its former position. A whisper seemed to be forced from the Colonel's lips.

"My God!" he said, and reeled back, as men reel with a bullet in their heart. Philip rushed forward.

The Colonel had dropped the earpiece of the telephone and put his hands to his head.

"He says," gasped Owen Rutherford hoarsely—"he says Lynch killed Marsden."

His son would have supported him, but he sprang back to the telephone and hung the earpiece on the hook to cut off the listener at the other end.

"What shall we do?" he said wildly; "what shall we do? They may not know he is Ferris; they may not suspect her."

He swayed unsteadily with dazed eyes. "Is she innocent?" he muttered; "is she—oh, my God, if she were guilty!"

Owen Rutherford turned his back upon them, and they saw that he had covered his face. Philip choked back a sob, and leant till his lips almost touched the artist's ear.

"He—he loves her!" was his broken whisper.

(To be continued.)

THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

THE spring fashion numbers of the ladies' papers are out, and those of my readers who are anxious to know the latest modes in fashionable dressmaking should buy, without loss of time, the *Lady's Pictorial* for Saturday, March 28. It is a truly wonderful production, and there are many items of interest in it besides fashion notes. The battle between skirts long and short still rages, and is likely to rage, but women will please themselves, and wear what suits them—that is, women who are fashionable. To be a fashionable dresser you must be well off, for up-to-date clothes are never cheap. I saw a few days ago at a West-End draper's a most exquisite little coat—coffee-coat, as it is called—in black lace, most beautifully turned out with black velvet ribbon. The price was, what do you think?

Five Guineas and a Half.

It was a charming and dainty little garment, but not worth quite such a large sum of money. I think I may have mentioned before that the uncovered throat is no longer seen among well-dressed women here or in Paris. In the latter, the neckband is higher and stiffer than ever, and being well boned, it is all but impossible to turn the head. White gloves are worn again on smart occasions, but in the daytime it is the fashion to have the gloves to match the dress. No one now appears in thin, unlined sleeves; they are quite out, and I am glad that so ugly a

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fashion has come to an end. Almost all the evening dresses have elbow-sleeves, or else a wide, open sleeve which falls from the shoulder. Young girls are wearing wide, low, flat hats in straw, with wreaths of roses and any pretty flower that they fancy round the crown. This style seems to suit the sloping shoulders, the wide pelerine with the long ends, and the rather short, wide skirt with little frills round the edge at the bottom.

I am asked to recommend a material for country wear that will last and

"Look Well to the End."

There is nothing like serge for wear, or a really good hopsack. Neither need be heavy, and there are now many light makes in both materials for wear in warm weather. Also, serges and hopsacks can be brushed, and even washed if necessary. Do not choose a silk-and-wool mixture if you want your frock to last and to look well to the end. It is a very pretty and tempting material, but it creases, and is apt to cockle if it gets wet. Serge and hopsack are really the best for hard wear. It is possible to buy a cheap little outdoor jacket in London. The very cheap jacket is not always the best, remember; but at Messrs. Nicholson, in St. Paul's Churchyard, a nice little jacket can be

a small allowance for pin-money should be expected to provide her Court dress. Surely it is an extra, and for her to pay would make too great a hole in her purse. She can make use of the under-dress, which is complete in itself, by wearing it as a best evening frock; and the train will either make a tea-gown or a very smart and pretty afternoon-gown fit for a garden-party or a wedding. If two good dresses can be made out of the outfit for Court I do not think that my correspondent need grumble.

Again the old question, "Is the blouse really out of fashion?" Anyone who lives in London can answer that question for herself. It is to be seen in all the best shops there, but it is not worn upon

Very Dressy Occasions

by fashionable women. A contrast between blouse and skirt is now never seen upon well-dressed people, and with a black skirt a coloured blouse is looked upon as bad taste. In the country, it does not matter so much.

"Is it true," asks a country reader, "that gentlemen wore knee-breeches and white silk stockings and shoes and white waistcoats at the ball given by the King and Queen on March 10?" It is quite true, and a very excellent innovation too, so much prettier than

think that the rind of one lemon and the juice of two are enough; lemon-rind is very strong.

Almond Velvet

is another toothsome dish. Take two penny macaroons; break them up small, and boil in one pint of milk. Then mix one ounce of corn-flour with a little cold milk, stir it into the boiling milk with the broken-up macaroons, and boil for about ten minutes. When done, pour into a wetted mould, and when turned out, garnish with cherries and blanched almonds. American cream is delicious. Set on a slow fire half an ounce of gelatine in a pint of milk and an ounce and a half of castor sugar. Then mix well together the yolks of two eggs and a few drops of vanilla essence, if the flavour is liked. Stir the eggs carefully into the milk, and when it nearly boils, draw back the saucepan and stir near the fire for a few minutes, but do not let it boil. Have the whites of the eggs beaten into a stiff froth with one ounce of castor sugar, and add them to the mixture when it has cooled. Blend the whole well together, pour into a wetted mould, and stand in a cool place for twenty-four hours.

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bought for a guinea. I should pay just a little more if possible, and get one of their smart light-grey tweed coats with three little capes on the shoulder. The fronts are trimmed with black and white, and the prices are 27s and 29s. 6d. These coats are good value for the money.

"Distinction in Dress."

That eternal feminine problem as to how to dress well and at the same time not overrun the limits of a shallow purse receives able treatment in a little book which I have just received. It is called "Distinction in Dress," and is published by that well-known firm of costume manufacturers, Messrs. John Noble, Limited, of Brook Street Mill, Manchester. Among the many lines to which they give prominence are new blouses and some smart designs in coats and skirts. Their 21s. costumes in the fashionable black-and-white flake tweeds will attract many, as will, indeed, nearly everything this enterprising firm is offering. The best way is for you to send to Messrs. Noble, Limited, and get a copy of "Distinction in Dress" for yourself.

A correspondent—a girl—writes to ask me what she is to do with her Court gown and train. She was

Presented at the First Court,

and as her pin-money is not a large sum per annum, she fears that she will be cramped very much during the year as soon as the grand frock is paid for. I do not think any girl who has

the old evening costume, which is exactly the same as the dress worn by waiters. My correspondent must allow her ideas to broaden out with the times, and not imagine that everything new is wrong.

A correspondent asks for recipes for nice new sweet dishes. She is tired of the everlasting "shape" of rice or cornflour with stewed fruit. I give here in reply one or two of Mrs. C. S. Peel's recipes, which are among the best I know. Try this

"Lemon Mould";

it is a great improvement upon cornflour. The ingredients are the rind and juice of two lemons, two eggs, 1 oz. gelatine, half a pint of water, and 1 oz. of sugar. Soak the gelatine in the water, and when soft, put it into an enamelled saucepan with another half-pint of water, the rind and the juice of the lemons. Stir over the fire, and when nearly boiling strain the mixture into a basin. Then beat up lightly the two eggs and the sugar and stir them into the basin, stirring carefully always the same way or it may curdle. Then pour the whole into a wetted mould and put it in a cool place, covered, for four-and-twenty hours. Invalids find this dish very refreshing, and it is also nourishing. I

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The Pruning of Roses.

IN continuation of what was said a week ago with reference to the pruning of roses, I may mention that in the case of Scotch roses one must be cautious with the knife, cutting out the flowering wood after the blooms fade. In established plants the worn-out stems can be removed at any time. They are benefited, indeed, by being cut clean to the ground once in about



CRIMSON RAMBLER BEFORE PRUNING.



CRIMSON RAMBLER PRUNED.

seven years. Their habit of spreading by underground stems helps the recovery. Wild roses are frequently planted in such quantity that careful pruning is impossible. Take out the older wood from time to time, and, at intervals of several years, determined by their condition, cut



THE IRISH SETTER.

a little shortening-in of the tips—an interminable operation. After these plants are well established, however, the older canes should be cut out occasionally, thus keeping the centre free and encouraging new growths. If at any time they are in bad shape from winter-killing or disease they can be cut to the ground. Hybrids of *Rosa rugosa* are helped by spring pruning, cutting back the annual growths, and thinning out old wood. Tender roses, like the teas, Chinas, and Bourbons, should be cut in at the beginning of the flowering season, and, since they are really perpetual bloomers, this process must be continued as long as the season lasts. Weak and unproductive shoots must be removed. Cloth-of-Gold, Lamarque, Marechal Niel, and other roses of like habit are closely pruned after their wood is well ripened, when they are most at rest.

The Irish Setter.

The Irish setter, one of the handsomest sporting dogs in existence, bears the good character of being an untiring worker. As a matter of fact, the rich mahogany-coloured setter is often found eager for work on the moors when both the Scottish and English setters forming members of a team are past working. This has been the experience of men who have worked them for years. At field trials I have noted the same good quality, once the natural high spirits of the species—which sometimes tend to wildness—have been toned down a little. In all respects but colour the Irish setter is similar to the English and Gordon (Scottish) varieties, being a little stronger in head than the former, if anything. The skull should possess considerable prominence of

hair: There should be slight fullness at the angles of the lips, and the eyes should be dark in colour, of medium size, and animated. The neck not throaty, and slightly arched. In general appearance the Irish setter is a smart, handsome dog, averaging from 45 lb. to 60 lb. in weight.

The Lakenfelder Fowl.

This variety is one of the most recent introductions into England, and, judged by the excellent specimens seen at the few shows held since autumn, it is becoming popular. As will be seen by the illustration, the recent importation is a smart-looking bird, and, although I have had no personal experience of its utility, the testimony of such practical breeders as the Countess of Craven, Mr. John Lee (Temptford), and the Rev. G. T. Lycock (Terwick) is convincing enough on this point. I believe they are capital layers of fair-sized eggs, and, unlike some of the foreign breeds, are hardy and easily reared. No new breed has had such a boom for years, and although

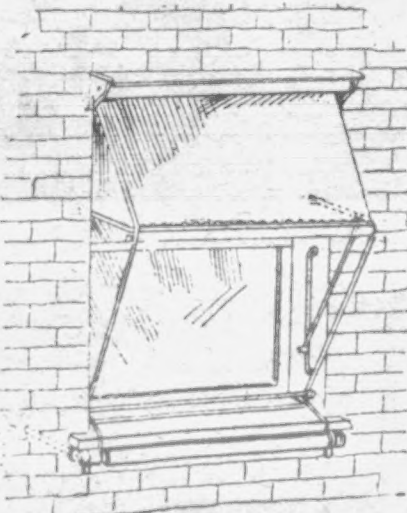


THE LAKENVELDER FOWL.

this alone is no actual proof as to the utility of the species, the fact that the breeders named, with others equally well known, have taken them up, proves that they are worthy of the notice of the farmer.

Convertible Window-Shade and Awning.

An American patent to which my attention has been drawn describes an improved arrangement of window-shades, whereby the shade may be easily converted into an



WINDOW-SHADE AND AWNING.

awning or be made to serve as a substitute for shutters to the windows. The shade, which is made of any translucent flexible material capable of withstanding the elements, is secured to a spring roller of ordinary type, worked under a cover to the upper outside of the window-frame. Operating cords are secured to the lower end of the shade,

and pass over a projecting awning-frame, thence under a rod at the bottom of the window to the lower winding-roll. This roll may be operated, through the medium of a pair of mitre gears and crank, from the interior of the building.



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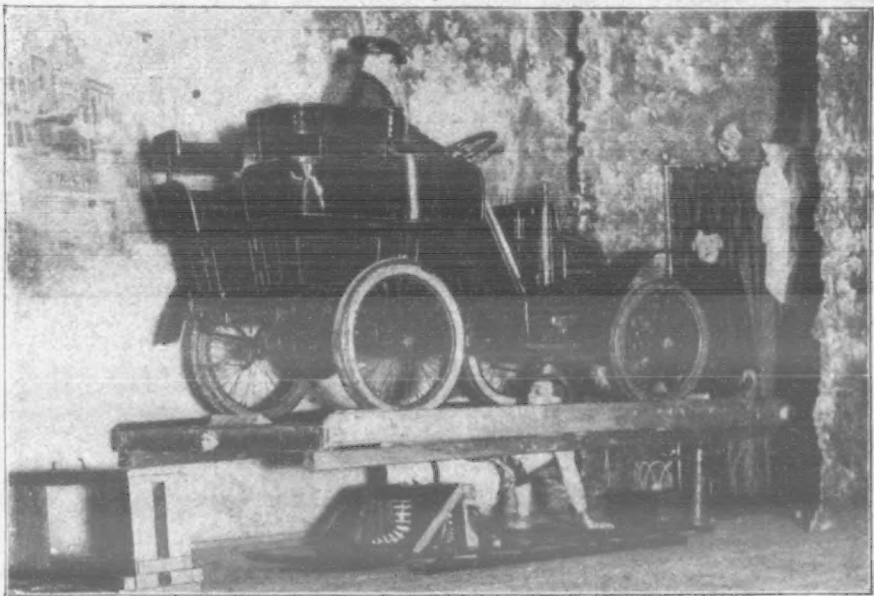


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SALDO, THE STRONG MAN, SUPPORTING A MOTOR-CAR WEIGHING SEVENTEEN HUNDRED-WEIGHT, PLUS THE DRIVER, ON HIS CHEST.

clean to the ground, at the same time giving manure and stirring the soil. An equally good method of renewal is to dig up and re-set the plants, discarding the old and feeble. *Rosa rugosa* does not require annual pruning, unless it be

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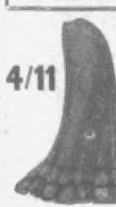
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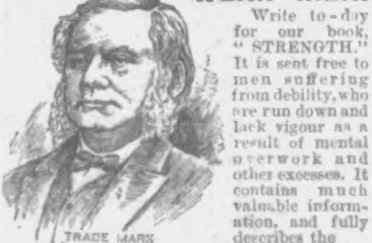
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